

M: 23-21

c. 1910

Nellie Griffith Farm, site  
22725 Laytonsville Road (MD 108)  
Laytonsville

Located on the east side of MD 108, about 1.2 miles north of the center of Laytonsville, the Nellie Griffith House was burned by the fire department, at the request of the owner, about September, 1981. This information is according to Samuel Riggs IV, cousin of Nellie Griffith, and officers at the Laytonsville VFD.

The Nellie Griffith house was a two-story frame house with a central entrance on the five-bay main (west) facade. The house was sheathed in German siding. All windows had 2/2 double hung sash, with original shutters and heavily-molded architraves. Flanking the door were three-light sidelights, with panels beneath. The door and sidelights were surmounted by a three-light transom. An interior brick stove chimney rose from either gable end of the roof, which was covered with metal sheeting. A porch extended across the front facade, with a variety of decorative elements. The porch stood on square posts, which rested on short square paneled columns. It had a sawnwork balustrade and corner brackets, and a bracketed cornice, with an extra large bracket at each post. The roof of the house itself also had a bracketed cornice, with every fifth bracket large. This cornice was boxed, with returns, and a wide frieze with a curving bottom edge. The brackets continued along the sides of the gables, as a raking cornice. This was also true of the central cross gable, which held a 2/2 sash pointed-arched window, with original shutters, also pointed.

The south gable end of the house, which was two bays deep, held a single window in the east bay of each floor. In the attic gable were two small 2/2 round-arched windows, these without shutters.

The rear L, which covered the two northern bays of the east facade, was similar in style to the main block, with bracketed cornice and internal chimney in the east gable end. This L was three bays long, and a partially-enclosed porch with square columns covered the first floor of its south facade. A one-bay shed-roofed addition nestled in the corner of the L on the second floor. This small room held one small 2/2 sash window on its south facade.

There was a five-bay barn behind the house. A double corn crib rested on stone piers. A large water tower also stood near the house.

The log servants' quarter was moved to the John Layton House (M: 14-37-1, NR/E) in Laytonsville, where it sits behind the brick house.

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Magi No.

DOE    yes    no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Nellie Griffith Farm

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number Demolished by Owner    not for publicationcity, town    vicinity of    congressional district   state    county   

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  </u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture
<u>  </u> building(s)	<u>  </u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  </u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial
	<u>  </u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military
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			<u>  </u> park
			<u>  </u> private residence
			<u>  </u> religious
			<u>  </u> scientific
			<u>  </u> transportation
			<u>  </u> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Whites Turf Farms Inc.street & number 3601 Gillis Falls Road telephone no.:   city, town Mt. Airy state and zip code MD 21771

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 5980street & number    folio 244city, town Rockville state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPCdate 1976    federal    x state    x county    local   depository for survey records Park Historian's Officecity, town Rockville state MD

# 7. Description

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## Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

## Check one

☐ unaltered  
☐ altered

## Check one

☐ original site  
☐ moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

According to Samuel Riggs IV, cousin of Nellie Griffith, and officers at the Laytonville Volunteer Fire Department, this house was demolished by the fire department at the request of the owner, about September, 1981.

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Montgomery County Land Records  
Samuel Riggs IV (cousin of Nellie Griffith), interview, April, 1985  
Laytonsville Volunteer Fire Department, Laytonsville, MD. April, 1985.

**Acreage of nominated property** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quadrangle name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quadrangle scale** \_\_\_\_\_

**UTM References** do NOT complete UTM references

**A**

Zone Easting Northing

**B**

Figure B displays three bar charts showing the distribution of 1000 individuals across 10 zones for three different variables: Zone, Easting, and Northing. The x-axis for all charts is labeled 'Zone' and ranges from 1 to 10. The y-axis represents the number of individuals, with a scale from 0 to 1000. The 'Zone' chart shows a relatively even distribution across all zones. The 'Easting' chart shows a higher concentration in zones 1 through 5, with a sharp drop in zones 6 through 10. The 'Northing' chart shows a higher concentration in zones 1 through 4, with a sharp drop in zones 5 through 10.

Zone	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	1	100	100
2	2	100	100
3	3	100	100
4	4	100	100
5	5	100	100
6	6	100	100
7	7	100	100
8	8	100	100
9	9	100	100
10	10	100	100

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**D**

**E**

**F** 

**G**

### Verbal boundary description and justification

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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name/title	Margaret M. Coleman
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organization Historic Preservation Commission date April, 1985

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city or town Rockville state MD.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Nellie Griffith Farm				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: Rte. 108				
CITY OR TOWN: Laytonsville				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Waters				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame house with a central entrance on the five bay main (west) facade. On either end there are internal chimneys. A porch extends across the facade. The boxed cornice is bracketed, with every fourth bracket large, and have a wide frieze; it is returned into the gable end. The brackets continue along the sides of the gables. The siding is tongue and groove. The rear el is similar in style to the main house, with bracketed cornice and internal chimneys. The 2/2 double hung sash windows have heavy moulded architraves.

There is a five bay barn behind the house. A double corn crib rests on stone piers. A large water tower stands near the house.

The log slave quarters was moved to the John Layton House in Latonsville, where it still sits behind the brick house.

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☒ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☐ 19th CenturySPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) ca. 1910

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

losophy

☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☐ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art

Architecture

☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION MNCPPC	DATE 4 Sept 74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature



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NAME NELLIE GRIFFITH FARM

LOCATION Rt 108 LAYTONSVILLE Md

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PHOTO TAKEN 9/4/74 MDWYER



NAME JEWIE GRIFFITH FARM  
LOCATION RTE. 108, LAYTONSVILLE, MD.  
FACADE S  
PHOTO TAKEN 9/4/74  
m. Dwyer

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